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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ms. Mabel Blevins on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those persons who in their years of work, have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm and whose incomparable achievements have greatly benefited their communities and fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, through their special endeavors, these noteworthy individuals are credits to their respective professions, their communities, and their families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Mabel Blevins is most assuredly one such estimable person who is deserving of special praise and recognition, as she has given unselfishly of herself, her time, and her talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blevins has proudly served with acumen and alacrity for 18 years as the director of the Fentress County Senior Center; and

WHEREAS, hired in 1981 by County Judge Casto Knepp to fill the position of director of the Fentress County Senior Citizens Program, the program has experienced tremendous growth under the astute leadership of Mabel Blevins; and

WHEREAS, during Ms. Blevins's peerless tenure, the senior citizens program has outgrown two of its locations and continues to grow, boasting a daily average attendance of more than ninety seniors enjoying the activities, fellowship, and food; and

WHEREAS, after eighteen years of outstanding service, Ms. Blevins has decided to become a participant in the program she helped build up and to turn the center director's position over to her successor; and

WHEREAS, she has witnessed many changes at the center, raised numerous dollars for the program, planned many trips, and has been a friend to countless seniors over the years; and

WHEREAS, Mabel Blevins exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that is characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Ms. Blevins has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate others to reach their potential, winning the respect and admiration of her peers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Ms. Mabel Blevins our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every success in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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